



Group III: Claims 53 and 54, drawn to a process for controlling an orientation of tubular mesopores of a mesostructured material, classified in class 264.

Further, the Examiner has required selection of one of the following two patentably distinct species: (Ia) Fig. 1A and (Ib) Fig. 1B.

Applicants hereby provisionally select Group I, species Ib, claims 1-23 and 48-52, with traverse. Claims 1-23 and 48-52 read on the selected species.

Under M.P.E.P. § 821.04, Applicants request rejoinder of Group II, claims 24-47, directed to a process for forming the mesostructured material of Group I, in the event that the claims of Group I are allowed. If needed, Applicants request an opportunity to amend the claims of Group II to be commensurate with claims allowed in Group I.

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